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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Responsive to the Official Action of October 5, 2006 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 46-69, 71-73, 81 and 86, Group I, directed to methods of implantation.

In response to the election of species (the paragraph bridging pages 5-6) -- for initial examination purposes only -- applicants elect (a) resorbable silicon, and (i) mesoporous silicon.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 20, 2003.

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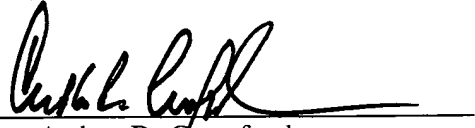
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